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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on September 30, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to address all issues in the objection to the drawings. As indicated on page two in the second paragraph of the office action, the curved slots (claim 12) in the embodiment with the shaft and complementarily curved engaging clamping member as described in claim 18, which is the species of figure 10 must be shown or the feature canceled from the claim. This objection has not been argued or addressed in any manner. While applicant submitted a proposed drawing correction and argument with respect to two of the three objections raised in this section of the office action, applicant is required to address this third issue, too. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Brittain whose telephone number is 703-308-2222. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 5:30 to 2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James R. Brittain', written in a cursive style.

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